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SUBJ: EDUCATIONAL ALLOWANCE-ADEQUACY OF SCHOOLS

REF: STAND. REG 270, IBADAN OM 4/21/75, DEPT OM 5/8/75, SUBJ EDUCATION ALLOWANCE

1. MARKED AND CONTINUING RAPID DECLINE IN QUALITY OF LOCAL SCHOOLS NECESSITATES REQUEST FOR REVISION OF POST EDUCATION ALLOWANCE FOR SCHOOLS AT POST FROM $450 TO $1500. NEW COST IS MINIMUM REQUIRED TO INSURE ATTENDANCE AT ADEQUATE SCHOYL.

2. NIGERIA EMBARKING ON UNIVERSAL PRIMARY EDUCATION SCHEME STARTING SEP 6 WHICH WILL PRODUCE INTOLERABLE TEACHER-PUPIL RATIOS. QUALITY OF TEACHING STAFF WILL BE FURTHER HARMED BY INDUCTION OF LARGE NUMBER OF NEW TEACHERS TO MEET THE GOVTS U.P.E. SCHEME. YORUBA WILL ALSO BE MORE WIDELY USED IN THE SCHOOLS.
COUPLE WITH UPE GOVERNMENT HAS IN THE PAST YEAR TAKEN OVER ALL SCHOOLS, MAKING TEACHERS QUASI-CIVIL SERVANTS SUBJECT TO POSTING ELSEWHERE AND DEPRIVING CHURCH-RELATED SCHOOLS OF AUTONOMY AND CONTROL. RESULTS ARE, AT LEAST INITIALLY, DISASTROUS. EDUCATION UP TO U.S. STANDARDS IS INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN IN IBADAN.

3. IN VIEW DETERIORATING SITUATION INTERNATION
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SCHOOL (GRADE K-8) EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL CONTROL BECAUSE OF CLASSIFICATION AS CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL. ALTHOUGH USING CALVERT MATERIALS, QUALIFIED AMERICAN AND BRITISH TEACHERS GIVE INSTRUCTION ON SITE. ALTHOUGH NOT WITHOUT DISADVANTAGES (PRIMARILY COMMUTING TIME OF ABOUT ONE HOUR), SCHOOL REPRESENTS BEST POSSIBILITY OF ADEQUATE EDUCATION FOR 3 CONSULATE-USIS SCHOOL CHILDREN.

4. DSP-63 AND COVERING OM WILL FOLLOW. $1500 REPRESENTS ESTIMATE OF TOTAL COST FOR GRADES 7 AND 8 INCLUDING TUITION, BOOKS, AND TRANSPORTATION. SCHOOLS USED TO CALCULATE CURRENT ALLOWANCE DEEMED INADEQUATE. WITH SCHOOL YEAR BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 13 TELEGRAPHIC REPLY REQUESTED. PLEASE ADVISE.
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